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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6878

INFO SECDEF WASHDC

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF ISA RESEARCHER DONALD WEATHERBEE

REF: 062201Z MAY 74 FROM SECDEF TO CINCPAC

1. REFTEL REQUESTS POSTS PROVIDE WHATEVER ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE TO PROF DONALD WEATHERBEE, UNIV SOUTH CAROLINA, WHILE HE IS IN SEA FROM MAY 18-JUNE 29 IN CONNECTION WITH ISA RESEARCH GRANT ON "NORTH VIETNAM AND THE SECURITY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA".

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH WEATHERBEE WHO WROTE DIRECTLY EXPRESSING WISH VISIT SABAH TO LOOK INTO SITUATION OF FILIPINO REFUGEES THERE, AS WELL AS INTENTION VISIT SARAWAK WITH REFERENCE TO INSURGENCY AND AMNESTY PROGRAM. HE EXPRESSED NO INTENTION VISIT BRUNEI. DCM WROTE TO WEATHERBEE ON APRIL 30 RECOMMENDING, BECAUSE OF PRESENT SENSITIVITIES IN AREA, THAT HE CANCEL EAST MALAYSIA PORTION OF TRIP (UNLESS PURELY AS SIGHTSEER) AND VISIT KUALA LUMPUR INSTEAD WHERE WE WILL
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BRIEF HIM AND PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH LOCAL UNOFFICIAL SOURCES ON

EAST MALAYSIA. COPIES CHESLAW/WEATHERBEE CORRESPONDENCE POUCHED
EA/IMS.

3. ACTION: EMBASSY PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE WEATHERBEE TRAVELING IN
PURSUIT OF US DEFENSE DEPT RESEARCH PROJECT. IN VIEW OF KNOWN
AND EVEN HEIGHTENED SENSITIVITY MALAYSIAN AND SABAH GOVTS OVER
SOUTHERN PHILIPPINE REBELS AND/OR REFUGEES WE FORESEE POSSIBILITY
OF SERIOUS EMBARRASSMENT TO USG SHOULD HE PROCEED WITH HIS
PLAN. REITERATE STRONGLY OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT EAST MALAYSIA
PORTION OF VISIT BE CANCELLED OR CONVERTED INTO PRIVATE TOURIST
STOPOVERS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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